

SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting

November 20, 2003

2:00 PM

Room 433, Blatt Building

Members Present: Robert Staton, Alex Martin, Traci Young Cooper, Dennis Drew, Senator Mike Fair, Senator Warren Giese, Senator Hugh Leatherman, Harry Lightsey, Susan Marlowe, George Martin, Superintendent Inez Tenenbaum, Representative Bob Walker, Judy Williams, and Larry Wilson

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Mr. Staton welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
- II. **Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of September 18 were approved as distributed.
- III. **Subcommittee Reports**
 - A. **Academic Standards and Assessments:** Mr. Wilson reported that the Subcommittee had not met.
 - B. **EIA and Improvement Mechanisms:** Mrs. Marlowe reported on behalf of the Subcommittee on three items: (1) Development of EIA Budget Recommendations: The Subcommittee reviewed the statutes to determine the requirements of the EAA and subsequent amendments to the code of laws. A model of "fully funding" the EAA was shared with EOC members. Questions were posed about the capacity of the state to employ 612 teacher specialists, the proviso that would send excess funds to the EFA, the programs not funded because they are not linked to the statute; and the need for carry-forwards; (2) Proposed Regulation on Flexibility: Mr. Suber, SDE, explained the regulation and the related guidelines. The proposal was approved; (3) Annual Recommendations on the Retraining Grants: Mrs. Marlowe reviewed the report and recommendations. The recommendations were approved as presented.
 - C. **Parent and Community Involvement:** Mrs. Marlowe reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. She reviewed the program report and offered recommendations. The report and recommendations were approved as presented.
 - D. **Public Awareness:** Mr. Martin reported on behalf of the Subcommittee. He asked members to serve as presenters at community meetings; he reminded members that the 2003 release of the *Where Are We Now* is scheduled for December 4; and he called members' attention to the website presentations of "Teachers Are Our Heroes."

- E. **Administration:** Mr. Staton reported that the Administration Committee is working on the technical assistance regulations.

Dr. Anderson outlined the agenda and guests for the December 18 meeting. Rep. Walker asked if the proposals would provide alternatives on the weightings and the base student cost. Dr. Anderson responded that the proposals would provide some options.

- IV. **Report from a Key Constituency:** Mrs. Christine Fisher reported on the Arts in the Basic Curriculum Program. She detailed the program's inception in 1987, services, and evaluation.

- V. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.